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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REPORT FROM LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES ON
GOT MILITARY BUILD-UP

1. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF MAY 7 CARRIES UNDATED
REPORT FROM "LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES" ON ALLEGED
TURKISH MILITARY BUILD-UP IN EASTERN THRACE AND
AEGEAN AND ON US RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS FROM
AKROTIRI BASE IN CYPRUS.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, GOT HAS STRENGTHENED ALL
MILITARY UNITS BORDERING GREECE AS "COUNTERBALANCE"
TO SIMILAR ACTION BY GREEK ARMY. SPECIFICALLY,
ACCOUNT NOTES ALLEGED TURKISH ESTIMATE OF 30,000
GREEK TROOPS ON RHODES AND REPORTS SERIES OF
INSPECTION VISITS BY GOT CHIEF OF STAFF GEN SANCAR
TO UNITS BORDERING AEGEAN BETWEEN MAY 1-6
INCLUDING MILITARY SCHOOL AT NARLIDERE AND UNITS
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AT IZMIR, EDREMIT, BANDERMA AND GALLIPOLI.

TURKISH AIR FORCE CHIEF MAJ GEN ALPKAYIA (PHON)

ALSO INSPECTED BURSA AF INSTALLATIONS. LATTER

QUOTED AS STATING THAT, FOLLOWING US AID CUTOFF,

GOT WILL SOON PURCHASE SECOND SQUADRON OF
F-104'S IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY ACQUIRED FROM
ITALY.

3. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO
UK DEF MIN RUMASON (PHON) BY ANKARA RADIO THAT
CLEARANCE GIVEN BY UK FOR US RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS
FROM AKROTIRI WITH CONCURRENCE OF GREEK CYPRIOT
GOVERNMENT.
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